Create your class of Eggheads

I like to create large groups of people. The more the merrier. Numbers have impact. This is a picture of my 'Hop Pickers'.

My idea is to create a sculpture of the whole class and to capture this in a class photo, to include all the pupils, class teacher and classroom assistants.



You will need:



- Small empty yoghurt pots x 1 for each pupil
- Larger empty yoghurt pots x 1 for each adult
- Narrow screw caps x 1 for each figure
- Eggs x 1 for each figure
- Cardboard (to create noses and ears for each face)
- Wool (assorted colours for the hair of each figure)
- Glue
- Felt or coloured paper for the jumpers or ties in school colours
- Paper clips (to make pairs of glasses as required)
- Paint to give the right skin tone for each figure
- Felt tip pens

Method:

You need one egg per figure. This can be a normal hen's egg. Or you can buy polystyrene eggs from Hobbycraft (£1 for 3 eggs measuring 8cm from end to end, or £1 each for 10cm eggs).





If you are using a hen's egg, get an adult to drill a hole in one end of the egg. Hole to be approx. 4mm diameter. Use a battery drill and be firm but gentle! Turn the egg over (holding it over a saucepan!) and drill a similar hole in the other end of the egg.

Blow out the contents of the egg either by inserting a straw and blowing or by blowing with your lips direct to the egg surface.

Once empty, leave the egg to dry thoroughly. (Don't forget to have scrambled egg for tea using the contents of the egg!)

Select the partner for each pupil using names in hat method. They will be making a portrait of their partner.

Turn the yoghurt pot upside down. This will become a torso for the figure.

Glue the screw cap to the flat top of the yoghurt pot with the open end of the screw cap upwards. This will be the neck for your figure. Leave to dry.

Glue the egg to the open end of the screw cap. You can glue the egg pointy end up or round end up, it is a matter of personal choice. Leave it to dry.

Make a nose by cutting a small equilateral triangle of cardboard and folding it in half. Glue the nose to the face of the egg.

Cut small egg-shaped pieces of cardboard for ears. Cut them with a small tab of cardboard on one side of each ear. Glue the ears to the head. Leave them to dry.





Cut and stick on wool for the hair. Match the colour, length and style with the hair of your partner. Leave to dry.

Cover the yoghurt pot with felt or coloured paper to reflect the school uniform.

Once they are finished, make a small, tiered (stepped) display stand so that all of the figures can be clearly seen in a single photo shot. Assemble all of the figures together in the style of a class photo, including teacher and classroom assistants.

Paint the face and neck of your figure to match the skin tone of your partner.

Draw on the eyes with felt tip pens. Get the pupils of the eyes the correct colour for your partner. Or you might want to embellish with sequins or small beads.

Draw on eye brows with felt tip pens. Draw on the mouth.





Take a photo.

You have created a sculpture of your class.

Clear up the mess you have created in the process of making your sculpture! You are finished!

Well done!